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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
PATRICK A. GANE, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. :  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: NEW FILLER OR PIGMENT OR :  
PROCESSED MINERAL FOR :  
PAPER, IN PARTICULAR A :  
PIGMENT CONTAINING :  
NATURAL CaCO<sub>3</sub>, ITS :  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS, :  
PREPARATIONS CONTAINING IT :  
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 16 of this paper.

**Remarks** begins on page 17 of this paper.